

**IB MATH HL TEST**  
**EXPONENTS - LOGARITHMS**  
**Paper 1 - (without GDC)**

Mark \_\_\_/80

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. [Maximum mark: 7]

Let  $\log_2 3 = a$ ,  $\log_2 5 = b$ . Express the following in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ :

(a)  $\log_2 60$

(b)  $\log_4 0.2$

(c)  $\log_3 25$

[2+3+2 marks]

Answer

2. [Maximum mark: 5]

Solve the exponential equation

$$2^{x+5} = \frac{3 \cdot (5^x)}{2^{x-2}}.$$

Give your answer in the form  $x = \frac{\ln a}{\ln b}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

Answer

3. [Maximum mark: 6]

Solve the exponential equation

$$2^{x+5} = 8 + \frac{3}{2^{x-2}}.$$

Give your answer in the form  $x = a + \log_2 b$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Answer

4. [Maximum mark: 8]

Find the values of

(a)  $A = (\log_2 3)(\log_3 4)(\log_4 5) \cdots (\log_{15} 16)$ , as an integer [4 marks]

(b)  $B = \log_2 3 + \log_2 3^2 + \log_2 3^3 + \cdots + \log_2 3^{20}$  in the form  $a \log_2 b$  [4 marks]

Answer

5. [Maximum mark: 7]  
Solve the logarithmic equation

$$\log_{\sqrt{5}}\left(4 - \frac{x}{5}\right) - 4\log_5\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = 2$$

Answer

6. [Maximum mark: 6]  
Solve the logarithmic equation

$$\log_x 2 - 3\log_2 x = 2$$

Answer

7. [Maximum mark: 6]  
Solve the equation

$$\ln(e^{4x} - 8) = 2x + \ln 7$$

Answer

8. [Maximum mark: 7]

It is given that  $\log_a(x^2y) = p$  and  $\log_a\left(\frac{x}{y^2}\right) = q$

(a) Find  $\log_a x$  and  $\log_a y$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

[5 marks]

(b) **Hence** find  $\log_x y$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

[2 marks]

Answer



9. [Maximum mark: 6]

The mass  $m$  kg of a radio-active substance at time  $t$  hours is given by  $m = 8e^{-kt}$ . The half life time of the substance is 3 hours.

(a) Find the initial mass of the substance.

[1 mark]

(b) Show that  $k = \frac{\ln 2}{3}$

[3 marks]

(c) Given that the mass of the substance after  $t$  hours is 1kg, find the value of  $t$ .

[2 marks]

Answer

Answer